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Remarks

Applicants and the undersigned thank the Examiner for granting the personal interview conducted August 24, 2004, where the presently amended claims, and support for these amendments, were discussed.

This submission amends claims 39, 40, 44-50, 54-56 and adds new claims 57-60. Accordingly, claims 39-60 are now pending. Support for the claim amendments and the new claims is found throughout the specification, but specifically in paragraphs 0031, 0037, 0042, 0044, 0048, 0050, 0055, as well as originally presented claims 1-36 and Figures 1-5. Thus, no new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments. The amendments to the claims presented herein are intended to better capture the commercial embodiments of the claimed invention and are not believed to be related to any issues of patentability.

If additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to account number 50-3120.

Should the Examiner believe that further discussion of any remaining issues would advance the prosecution, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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